

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-82 are pending.

Claims 1, 11, 12, 23, 24, 36, 48, 51, 54, 56, 66, 67 and 78-82 are allowed.

Claims 2-10, 13-22, 25-35, 37-47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 57-65 and 68-77 are rejected.

Claims 2-10, 13-22, 25-35, 37-47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 57-65 and 68-77 been cancelled, without prejudice, herein.

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation Examiner's assessment that claims 1, 11, 12, 23, 24, 36, 48, 51, 54, 56, 66, 67 and 78-82 are allowable. Applicant herein cancels claims 2-10, 13-22, 25-35, 37-47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 57-65 and 68-77, without prejudice, and with reservation of the right to prosecute those claims, or the subject matter thereof, in this or a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner have been addressed and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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